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SUPERMAN

ANOTHER ASTOUNDING ADVENTURE OF THE STRONGEST MAN ON EARTH !!

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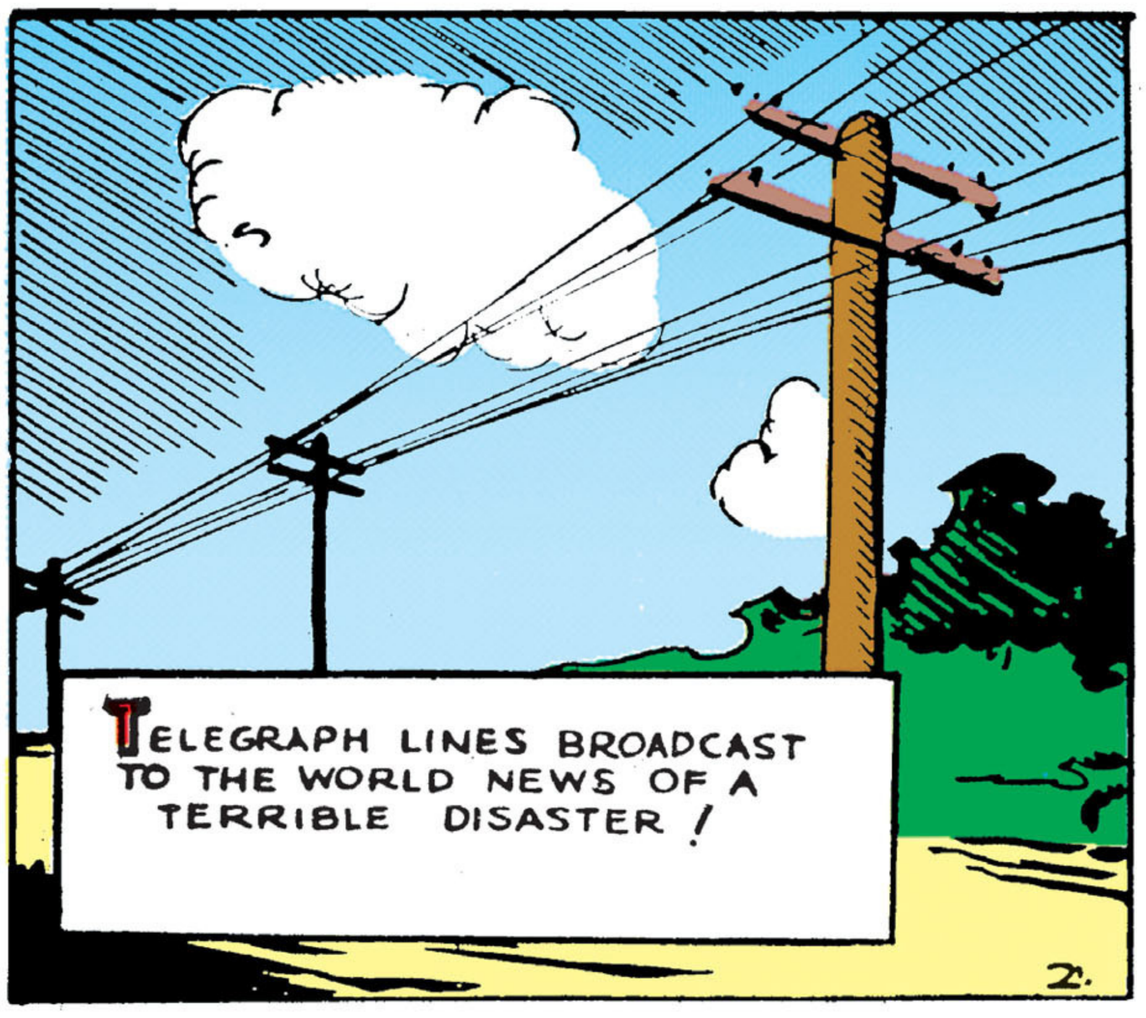

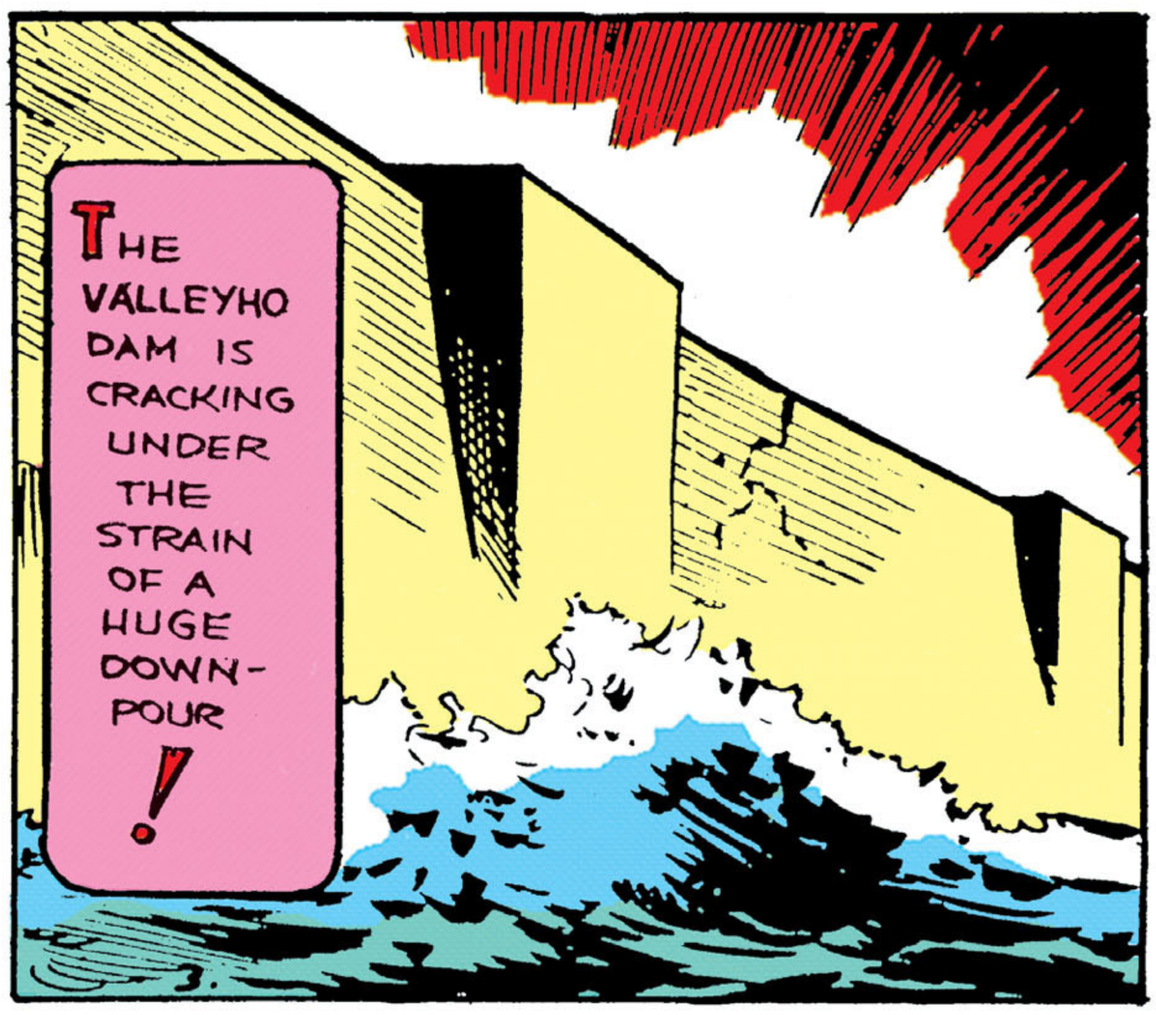

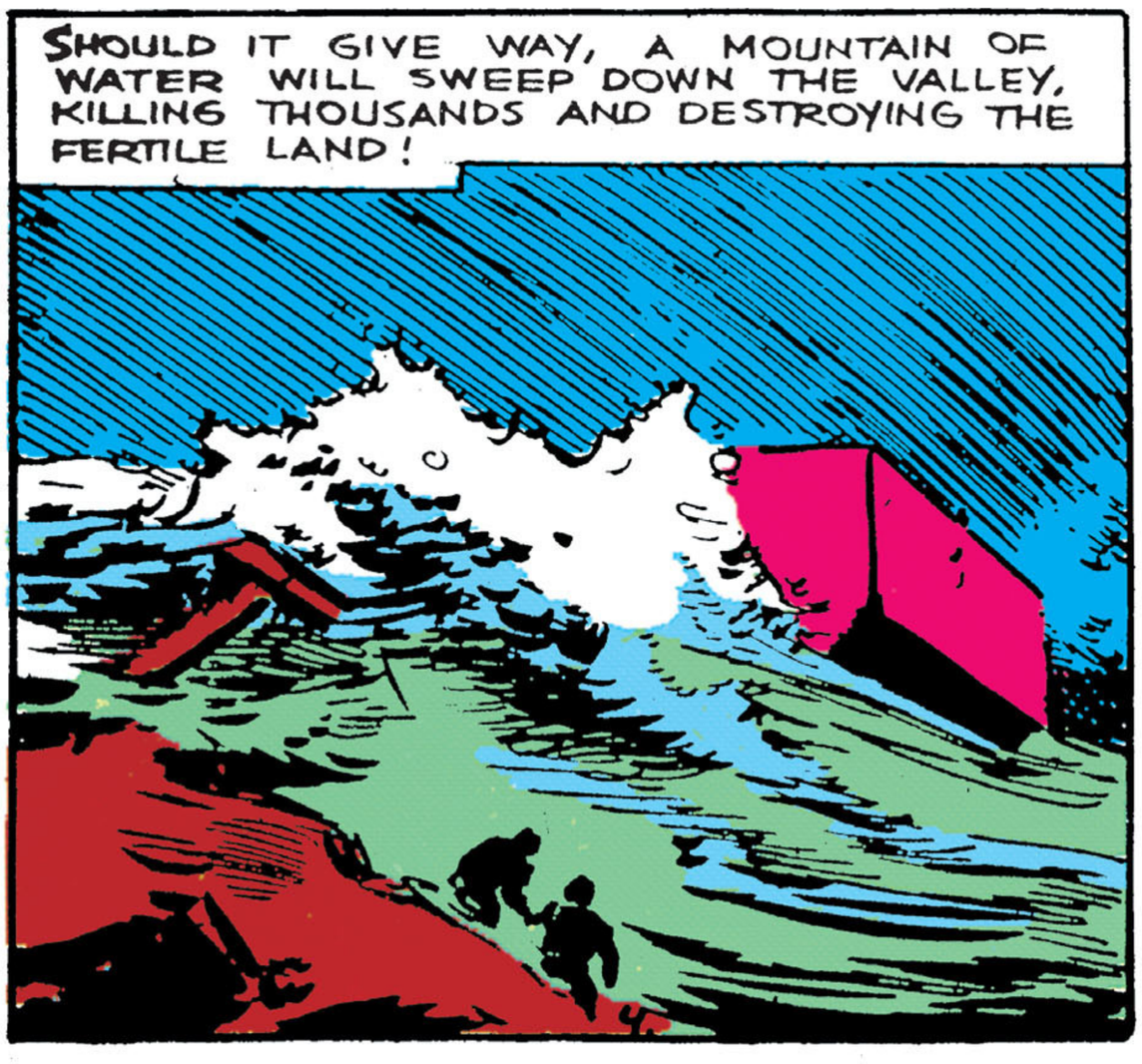

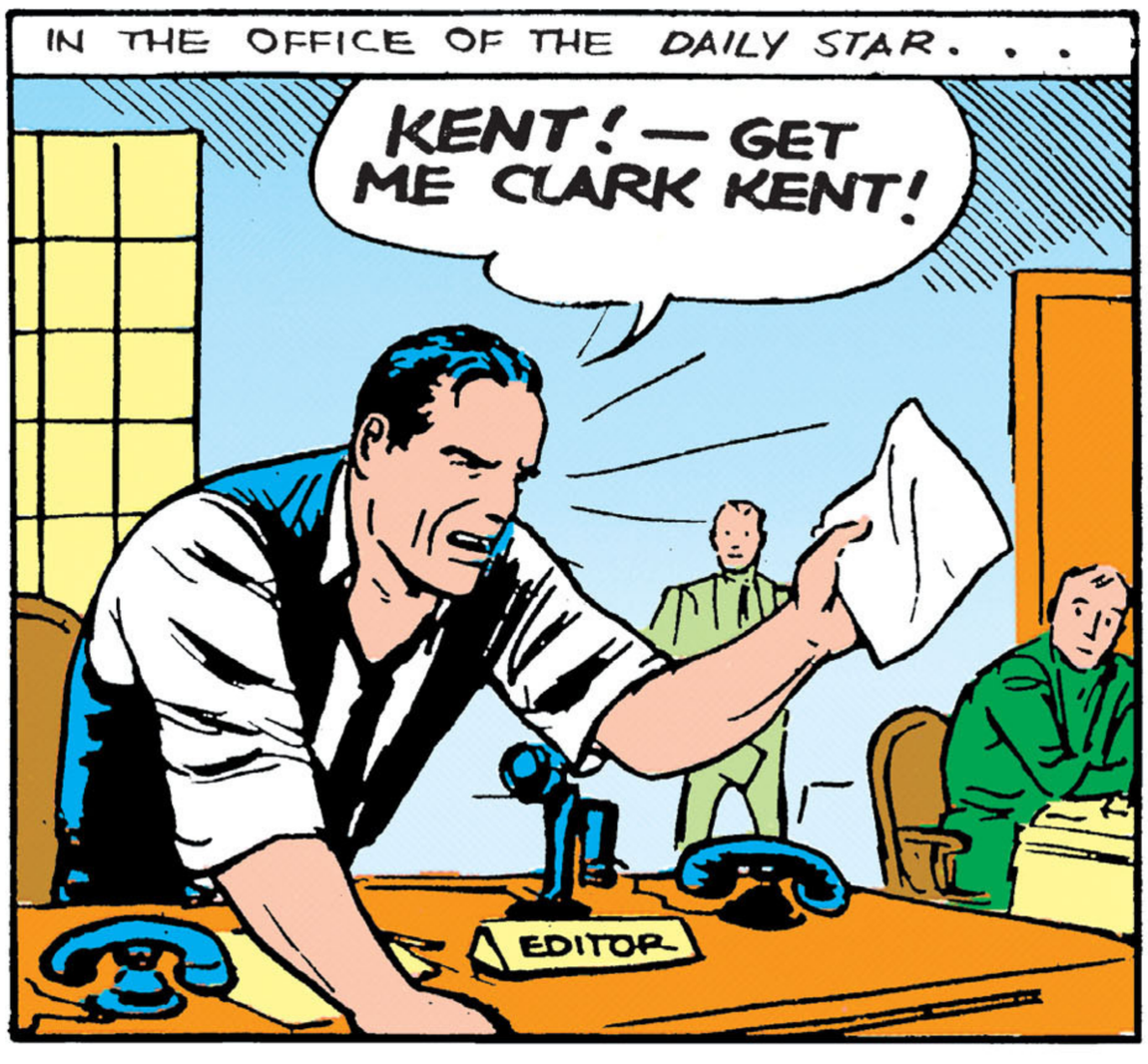

HE ISN'T IN THE OFFICE!

WELL, LOOK FOR HIM, LOIS! — AND HAVE HIM REPORT TO ME BEFORE I LOSE MY MIND!

BUT WHY NOT HAVE *ME* HANDLE THE ASSIGNMENT?

CAN'T! IT'S TOO IMPORTANT! — THIS IS NO JOB FOR A GIRL!

NO JOB FOR A WOMAN, EH? — I'VE HALF A MIND TO . . .

LOIS ENCOUNTERS CLARK OUTSIDE THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE . . .

CLARK KENT! — JUST THE MAN I'M LOOKING FOR!

DAILY STAR.

YOU MEAN . . . YOU'RE ACTUALLY <u>GLAD</u> TO SEE ME?

I SHOULD SAY I AM! — WOULD YOU DO ME A FAVOR AND COVER AN ASSIGNMENT FOR ME?

<u>WOULD</u>!! YOU KNOW I'D DO *ANYTHING* FOR YOU!

GOOD! — GO TO THE CITY HOSPITAL'S MATERNITY WARD. A MRS. MAHONEY IS EXPECTING *SEPTUPLETS*!

WHAT A STORY! — THANKS LOIS! YOU'RE A PEACH TO LET ME HANDLE THIS!

LATER . . .

ONE ROUND-TRIP TICKET TO VALLEY-HO, PLEASE.

TRACK 4

12.

AT THE CITY HOSPITAL . . .

SOMEBODY'S BEEN SPOOFING YOU, PAL! THERE'S NO MRS. MAHONEY REGISTERED HERE.

THAT'S STRANGE!

13.

SAY! I WONDER IF LOIS IS BY ANY CHANCE PULLING A DOUBLE-CROSS? I'D BETTER GET RIGHT BACK TO THE OFFICE!

14.

YOU BRAINLESS IDIOT! THE GREATEST NEWS STORY IN MONTHS ON THE FIRE, AND YOU WASTE YOUR TIME AT A HOSPITAL!

BUT, CHIEF! I DIDN'T KNOW...

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AND THE WORST PART OF IT IS THAT THE LAST TRAIN FOR VALLEYHO HAS ALREADY LEFT! -- KENT! REPORT TO THE CASHIER YOU'RE FIRED!

16.

BUT KENT HAS OTHER PLANS! WHEN ALONE, HE STRIPS OFF HIS OUTER GARMENTS AND STANDS REVEALED IN THE SUPERMAN COSTUME!

NOW TO GET THAT STORY!

FROM ATOP THE GREAT *DAILY STAR* BUILDING, A WEIRD FIGURE LEAPS OUT INTO THE NIGHT!

HUGE DISTANCES ARE SWIFTLY COVERED BY IT WITH GIANT LEAPS . . .

19.

LOOKS LIKE THE TRAIN HEADED FOR VALLEYHO! WELL . . .

HELLO . . . AND -- GOODBYE!

IT'S FAR OUTDISTANCED! -- IF LOIS THINKS SHE'S GOING TO SCOOP ME, SHE'S BADLY MISTAKEN!

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WITH THE SPEED OF LIGHT, HE REACHES THE RAILROAD TRESTLE ---

WHAT TH' -- !

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A TORRENT HAS LOOSENED THE BRIDGE'S SUPPORTS, CAUSING THE TRACKS TO TILT -- MAKING A WRECK INEVITABLE!

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THE WARNING WHISTLE OF THE APPROACHING TRAIN IS HEARD!

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WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION THE CLOAKED FIGURE MOUNTS A PEAK OF THE ROCKS AND DIVES FORWARD...

NO TIME TO LOSE!

SEIZING THE BRIDGE'S SUPPORTS, *SUPERMAN* PRESSES UP - - UP - - UNTIL THE TRACKS LEVEL . . . .

SUPERMAN HOLDS THE BRIDGE RIGID UNTIL THE TRAIN PASSES OVER . . .

28.

AFTER WHICH HE PERMITS IT TO CRASH!

29.

CRASH!

LOIS, AMONG OTHER PASSENGERS, RUSHES TO THE WINDOWS

30.

WHAT WAS THAT?

THE BRIDGE COLLAPSED!

AN INSTANT EARLIER, AND WE'D HAVE BEEN KILLED

AT THE NEXT JUNCTION SEND A WARNING THAT THE BRIDGE IS OUT!

YES.— WE MUST WARN THE OTHER TRAINS

WHEN VALLEYHO IS REACHED, LOIS FIGHTS HER WAY THRU THE MOB AT THE STATION . . .

IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE EXCEPT ME IS TRYING TO GET AWAY!

32.

TAXI !

33.

WILL YOU GIVE ME A LIFT TO THE DAM ?

YOU CAN *HAVE* TH' CAR, LADY! I'M TAKIN' A TRAIN OUTA HERE!

34.

LOIS DRIVES THE TAXI AT TOP SPEED! — THE DAM IS NOT FAR DISTANT

35.

ATOP THE DAM -- *SUPERMAN* HAS BEEN BATTLING LIKE MAD TO KEEP IT FROM BREAKING . . .

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IF I CAN ONLY HOLD OUT A LITTLE LONGER MOST OF THE PEOPLE HERE-ABOUTS WILL HAVE CLEARED OUT!

IT'S BEGINNING TO GIVE!

37.

SUDDENLY, WITH A GREAT ROAR, THE HUGE DAM COLLAPSES . . .

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SUPERMAN LEAPS ABOVE THE WATER'S TURBULENT FURY . . .

BUT LOIS FINDS HERSELF DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE GREAT, IRRESISTIBLE FLOOD OF ONRUSHING WATER . . .

THE DAM'S GONE! — I HAVEN'T A CHANCE!

A CAR IN THE FLOOD'S PATH . . . A GIRL INSIDE . . . I'VE GOT TO SAVE HER!

41

BUT BEFORE SUPERMAN CAN REACH THE AUTO IT IS CAUGHT UP AND SWEPT ALONG BY THE FLOOD!

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TRAPPED WITHIN THE CAR, LOIS APPEARS DOOMED TO A WATERY DEATH . . . 43.

. . . UNTIL SUPERMAN. UPON REACHING IT, TEARS THE AUTO APART AND RISES WITH LOIS IN HIS ARMS TOWARD THE WATER'S SURFACE!

POWERFUL STROKES BRING THEM TO SHORE . . .

INSTANTLY SUPERMAN IS OFF LIKE A SHOT, RACING THE FLOOD!

HE CATCHES UP WITH ITS BEGINNING . . . . . .

. . . AND PASSES IT! IT IS A FANTASTIC RACE WITH THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS AT STAKE . . . WITH *SUPERMAN* IN THE LEAD!

AHEAD OF THE RAGING, RUSHING TORRENT, HE SPRINGS TO A HIGH PINNACLE . . . .

. . . THEN PITS HIS TREMENDOUS STRENGTH AGAINST A GREAT PROJECTION OF ROCK!

BEFORE SUPERMAN'S MIGHT, THE HUGE MOUNTAIN PEAK CRACKS . . . AND CASCADES DOWNWARD IN THE FACE OF THE FLOOD!

THE AVALANCHE OF ROCK CRAMS SHUT THE MOUNTAIN-GAP BELOW — CUTTING OFF, DIVERTING THE FLOOD TO ANOTHER DIRECTION, AWAY FROM VALLEYHO TOWN!

WHEW! BARELY IN TIME!

YOU DID IT! YOU SAVED ALL THOSE PEOPLE! — OH, I COULD KISS YOU!

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I WILL!

LADY! — PLEASE!

WOW! — WHAT A KISS!

A SUPER-KISS FOR A SUPER-MAN!

SUDDENLY, SWEEPING LOIS OFF HER FEET, SUPERMAN LEAPS OUTWARD . . .

ENOUGH OF THAT! -- I'VE GOT TO BRING YOU BACK TO SAFETY -- WHERE I'LL BE SAFE FROM YOU!

THE FIRST TIME YOU CARRIED ME LIKE THIS I WAS FRIGHTENED — JUST AS I WAS FRIGHTENED OF YOU. BUT NOW I LOVE IT -- JUST AS I LOVE YOU!

WHEN VALLEYHO TOWN IS REACHED . . .

DONT GO! STAY WITH ME . . . ALWAYS.

PERHAPS WE'LL MEET AGAIN!

LATER

HELLO, CHIEF! — THIS IS CLARK KENT CALLING FROM VALLEYHO — GOT HERE BY AIRPLANE AND HAVE SOME SENSATIONAL NEWS! — AM I RE-HIRED? — O.K. CONNECT ME WITH A REWRITE MAN . . .

AS CLARK LEAVES THE PHONE BOOTH, HE ENCOUNTERS . . .

LOIS!

THAT WASN'T A NICE STUNT YOU PULLED ON ME! BUT I STILL LIKE YOU.

WHO CARES! ("— THE SPINELESS WORM! I CAN HARDLY BEAR LOOKING AT HIM. AFTER HAVING BEEN IN THE ARMS OF A REAL HE MAN"—)

THE END